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In response to the requirement for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth on page 2 of the Notice, Applicants respectfully point out that 37 CFR §1.821(a) makes clear that sequences with fewer than four specifically defined nucleotides or amino acids are specifically excluded from this section. "Specifically defined" means those amino acids other than "Xaa". Therefore, the present application does not disclose amino acid or nucleotide sequences subject to the requirement for a Sequence Listing.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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